pursuance of the meeting between the Prime Minister and the Hurriyat delegation held in Delhi on September 5, 2005.

Security of tribals of Chhattisgarh

1578. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 500 tribals have recently taken shelter to escape the wrath of Maoists at Chhattisgarh Government-run relief camps in Krishi Upaj Mandi near Dantewara Distt. near Raipur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps for the security of tribals and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per available information, more than 500 tribals from Nelsanar, Bhairamgarh, Poteniri, Niram, Akeli, Karkawada, Chinger and Pidiagakot villages under Bharaimgarh Police Station, have taken shelter in a relief camp run by the Government of Chhattisgarh at Krishi Upaj Mandi, Geedam in District Dantewada.

(c) The local administration has been guarding the camp. Besides, night patrolling is done by the police parties of Geedam Police Station.

Modern technologies to fight naxalism

1579. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain States have emphasized upon the Centre to upgrade anti-naxal machinery to tackle Maoists armed with the latest technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to change the techniques to tackle this issue to control loss of lives in the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Central Government has been aware of the need to modernize the State Police forces to effectively deal with the armed cadres of naxalite groups.

(c) and (d) Under the Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces, naxalite affected States are given focused attention and provided with the specialized weapons such as automatic rifles, grenade launchers, CGRL, communication equipment, training equipment, upgraded intelligence equipment, Mine Protected Vehicles etc.

Changes in functioning of Delhi Police

1580. SHR VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to make significant changes in Delhi Police Force regarding procuring State-of-the-art equipment, carving out new police districts, shifting of Police Headquarters, strengthening of intelligence network, etc.;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made to increase the rate of conviction which is presently comparatively low;

(c) whether present system of investigation is time and cost-effective; and

(d) whether the investigating officers are being given refresher courses to update their knowledge, skill, aptitude etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Procurement of new equipments, review of the number of districts and strengthening of intelligence network of Delhi Police is a continuing process. Delhi Police has approached land-owning agencies for transfer of land for construction of Police Headquarters, which is presently functioning from PWD building.

(b) No, Sir. The rate of conviction has increased from 43.98% in 2003 and 50.29% in 2004 to 54.31% in 2005 (upto 15th November).

(c) Investigation of each case is taken up as per procedures laid down in Cr.P.C. However, the investigation of some case gets delayed due to